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## GEORGIA.—THE FANATIC.

Extract from Governor Lumpkin's Message to the Legislature of Georgia:

The constitutional compact which binds together the American confederacy of States, continues to be regarded, by every American patriot, as the anchor of hope for the perpetuation of our beloved Union; and although one universal construction of that sacred instrument may not yet have prevailed,

regards every controverted point of difference, yet the expositions and writings of the sages and patriots who established it, have so far defined and settled all important points of collision, as to guard the public mind against the wild and mischievous stratagems of sophistry, as well as of ambition. The constitutional relations existing between the several States of the Union, are, at this day, very clearly understood by the great body of the American people; and must be respected by the several States, both in their separate and united capacities, or the Federal Union cannot be preserved.

These general remarks have been made, with a view to the existing state of things between the slave and non-slave holding States: a delicate subject, which nothing but an impious sense of duty could induce me to introduce to public consideration in a paper of this character. The constitutional right of the Southern States, in regard to slave property, is not and cannot be controverted; and I feel disposed to cherish an abiding confidence in the virtue and patriotism of our northern brethren—and will not indulge the belief that the great body of that people can for a moment countenance and encourage the desperate efforts of those vile incendiaries who are laboring to stir up insurrection and rebellion in the Southern States.

Should, however, the abolitionists be permitted to succeed without molestation—or only have to encounter the weapons of reason and argument, have we not reason to fear that their untiring efforts may succeed in misleading the majority of a people, having no direct interest in the great question at issue, and finally produce an interference with the constitutional rights of the slave holder? The consequences of such an event cannot be contemplated by the patriot, without the most painful emotions. The success of these misguided men would be destructive of all that is desirable in the glorious experimental government under which we are enjoying an unparalleled degree of happiness and prosperity.—No adequate conception can be formed of the blessings which they are laboring to destroy, while they claim to be the exclusive friends of liberty and freedom. The principles of the Christian religion can never be brought to the aid of these monsters, whose proceedings are marked by the most reckless blood thirsty spirit that ever disgraced the American name. Upon this subject, we can hear no argument—or opinions are unalterably fixed—our determinations are immutably firm and steadfast, and therefore ought not to be concealed or misunderstood. It is a subject with which we cannot suffer a stranger to intermingle. But the question arises, what is to be done in the present exigency? It is the imperative duty of the people and governments of the several States where these incendiaries are engaged in their diabolical plans and operations, to put them down at once, and forever. It is not my province, or duty, to point out the manner in which public opinion should be brought to bear upon this subject; whether by legislation or otherwise, must be left to the wisdom of the people of those States who are in duty bound to act, and to act promptly and efficiently, upon this subject. If the States, in which these enemies of our peace reside, do not, without delay, manifest their friendship and fidelity to the Constitution and the Union of the States by effectually silencing these incendiaries, we can no longer be called upon, in charity, to place any confidence in their professions so often promulgated to the world. It is, with us, a subject of deep and solemn import—involving the destiny of our dearest domestic affections,—our sacred altars—our all.

I would earnestly recommend to the consideration of the Legislature, the revision of our existing laws, so as more effectually to prevent the circulation, through the Postoffice or otherwise, of any publications, tending to endanger our domestic relations, or calling in question our constitutional rights of property. Congress should also be invoked, in the most earnest and respectful language, not to suffer the Postoffice establishment to be used to our injury and destruction. I would also recommend that the States, where these agitators and incendiaries are found, should be called upon in the true spirit of our institutions, that is, in a spirit of manly independence and brotherly affection, to sustain, in good faith, the letter and the spirit of our glorious constitution.

## PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS.

The Van Buren presses are affecting to consider the result of the election in Pennsylvania as no test of the popularity of their favorite in that State. Because Mr. Ritner's vote falls somewhat short of the combined vote of his competitors, they raise a shout of prospective victory, and on this slender thread hang their hopes that Mr. Van Buren, at the Presidential election, will receive the vote of the State. Mr. Ritner will come within 8 or 10,000 votes of a majority of the **WHOLE NUMBER OF VOTES GIVEN IN**; and it must be obvious to those who have paid any attention to the returns, that he would have easily beaten either of his competitors in a single contest.

No further confirmation of this fact, is required than the complexion of the returns for the State Legislature. Nearly three fourths of the members elected are decidedly Anti-Van Buren. This fact, of itself, shows conclusively that the late dominant party in that State—whose leaders had vainly imagined that they could transfer the support of the people to the intriguer of Kinderhook—has been completely prostrated. It is idle, therefore, for the presses which favor the pretensions of the Rucker candidates, to attempt to conceal their defeat. Their "figures" may not "lie" in the addition and subtraction—the deception consists in placing the result to the credit of Mr. Van Buren. The "Key-Stone State," is lost to "the party," despite of all their forced calculations. The triumph of Ritner is the downfall of Van Burenism, at least so far as "good old democratic" Pennsylvania is concerned. With a Whig Governor and an overwhelming majority of Whigs in the Legislature, her opposition to the dictation of the Office holders' Convention at Baltimore can neither be subdued nor shaken.—*Pet. Int.*

## THE GLOBE AND THE JUDICIARY.

The United States Gazette quotes the following passage from an editorial article of the *Globe* (official) newspaper:

"Judges, in our opinion, should be appointed for terms not exceeding four or six years. A life tenure is an invulnerable shield against all accountability on this side the grave.—It is an anomaly in our republican institutions. The independence of the judges in England is some security for popular rights, inasmuch as the Bench is thus redeemed from the absolute control once held over it by the Crown. In this country it is a dereliction from the rights of the people, inasmuch as judicial independence here is but another name for absolute irresponsibility; impeachment being, under a vote of one-third of the Senate, equivalent to an entire impunity, even for crimes. Irresponsible power over the constitution and laws, should not exist in a government of the people."

With good reason, the Editor of the *Gazette* protests against this further and clear evidence of the disposition of the leaders of the dominant party to concentrate all the power of Government in the hands of the President of the United States. Already in practice the expounder of the Constitution and the Laws according to his understanding of them, with the power of rejecting all bills passed by the Legislative authority, it wants only the subjection of the Judiciary to the control of the President to crown him with absolute sovereignty. This consolidation of all power in the hands of one man would, the reader will perceive, soon be accomplished, could the opinions fashionable at head quarters be reduced to practice, in any supposed excess of popular infatuation.—*Nat. Int.*

From the *New York Evening Star*.

"Another Vote.—At the session of our Legislature in the year 1820, Gov. Clinton, in the conclusion of his Message, earnestly entreated the interference of the Legislature to prevent Missouri being admitted as a State into the Union, without depriving the territory of the right of holding slaves. The subject was referred to a Committee, and Resolutions introduced in conformity with the suggestions of Governor Clinton, which, after an animated debate in opposition to proposed amendments by Gen. Root, were finally passed and sent to the Senate for adoption. The Resolution was as follows:

"Whereas, the inhibiting the further extension of slavery in these United States, is a subject of deep concern to the people of this State; and whereas, we consider slavery as an evil much to be deplored, and that every constitutional barrier should be interposed to prevent its further extension; and that the Constitution of the United States clearly gives Congress the right to require of new States not comprised within the original boundaries of these United States the prohibition of slavery, as a condition of their admission into the Union.—Therefore,

Resolved, [if the honorable Senate concur therein.] That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested, to oppose the admission as a State into the Union, of any territory not comprised as aforesaid, without making the prohibition of Slavery therein an indispensable condition of admission.

On the 20th of January, 1820, the Senate took up the resolution and passed the same unanimously, the following Senators being present. Messrs. J. Adams, Austin, Barnum, Barstow, Bowe, Childs, Duddy, Dayton, Ditmire, Evans, Forthingham, Hammond, Hart, Livingston, Lounsbury, M'Martin, Moore, Mallory, Moore, Noyes, Paine, Ross, Rosecrants, Skinner, Swart, VAN BUREN, Wilson, Young.—26."

WHATSOEVER?—The infamous *Globe*, for want of a sounder pretext of calumny, has abused Judge White, for boarding in the same house with Messrs. Calhoun, Tazewell, and M'Duffie, and for sending his son to study law with Daniel Webster. The dirty scavengers of the Kitchen would carry out, if they could, the division lines of party to such an extent as to render the minority barely tolerated on the free soil of their nativity. The time for the punishment of these miscreants is at hand.—*Albany Daily Advertiser.*

## STATE AFFAIRS.

### Governor's Message.

*From the General Assembly of North Carolina:*

The duty of addressing the representatives of the people, convened to consult for the common good of their constituents, has on no previous occasion been to me the source of so great anxiety and perplexity as the present. This embarrassment arises no less from the peculiar situation of our affairs, than from the measures in progress to amend the Constitution of the State.

It will be some days before it can be ascertained whether the new Constitution has been adopted or rejected. If it has been adopted, a material change in the basis of representation, constituting one of its most popular prominent provisions. This expression of the will, made in the most imposing form known to our institutions, will probably have a decided influence upon your proceedings. You will not, without hesitation, venture upon any radical change in the system of policy hitherto pursued, if it shall be ascertained that the people have transferred the legislative power of the State to a Department which will be constituted upon principles differing essentially from those which enter into the formation of your body. Whatever may be the conclusion at which you may arrive on this subject, there seems to be no reason which should restrain the Executive Department from the countenancing expression of opinion upon the most important topics which engage public attention.

To much the larger portion of this State, the past year has been a season of more than ordinary prosperity. The production of articles necessary to the sustenance of human life, has been abundant—and our great agricultural staple has commanded a higher price than has been known for many years. Our citizens, always distinguished for prudence and economy in the management of their domestic affairs, aided by the fortunate circumstance referred to, are at present probably less involved in pecuniary difficulties, than at any previous period of our history. Notwithstanding these clear evidences of the comparatively prosperous condition of the community, the tide of emigration continues to flow in a copious and steady current to the new States and Territories of the West, and we are thus constantly losing many of our most wealthy, enterprising, and intelligent citizens. It is not surprising that the universal and laudable disposition strikingly characteristic of the American people, to acquire a permanent interest in the soil, should prompt removals from an old and densely populated country, to sparsely settled regions, where good lands may be acquired at low prices. That these causes have, in many instances, produced emigration from this State, is admitted; but we deceive ourselves if we suppose that the evil is to be attributed to them alone. In general salubrity, variety of climate, and consequent variety of productions, average fertility of soil, and wide extent of sea-coast, North Carolina is scarcely exceeded by any of her sister States. Other causes, therefore, than natural disadvantages, have in a greater or less degree affected the growth and prosperity of the State. A very slight acquaintance with the facts, will suffice to show that a large proportion of the citizens who have removed from our borders within the last ten years, have contributed to augment the population and resources of States more densely peopled than our own. With regard then to the latter class, and to those who are liable to be influenced by similar considerations hereafter, it becomes important to inquire what causes have produced the evil, in order that you may ascertain whether a remedy can be devised within the legitimate range of your powers.

When we consider that we have but a single collegiate institution in the State, but few respectable academies, and that no adequate provision has been made to diffuse even the elementary principles of education among the poor, that there is not a single work of Internal Improvement in progress, and no fund, that deserves the name, provided for the future development of our resources, it ceases to be matter of surprise that even our younger sisters, munificently provided for in all these respects by the bounty of the General Government, should outstrip us in the generous contest for physical and intellectual improvement. It is but natural that under such circumstances the young, the ardent, and the enterprising, among our own citizens, should sever the ties which bind them to their native homes, and seek for affluence and distinction under better auspices. It affords me no pleasure to present this picture of our condition. It would indeed be the source of extreme mortification if I regarded it as proceeding exclusively from our own supineness and neglect. That we have done less than we might, and ought to have done for the accomplishment of these great purposes, is, in my estimation, certain; but that our exertions have been constantly retarded by the system of Federal legislation adopted with regard to us, is not less manifest.

This entire subject was so fully discussed in my last annual message, that I shall content myself with a mere reference to that paper, rather than an extended consideration of it in this. It was then attempted to be shown that great injustice had been done to this State in the settlement of our claims for revolutionary services; that the revenue system adopted by the Federal Government had operated oppressively upon us, and that the low prices at which the government lands were disposed of in the new States and Territories, had affected most injuriously the value of our real estate.

The injustice sustained in the settlement of our revolutionary claims, embarrassed our efforts towards improvement, at the period of all others the most important, the commencement of our political existence; and the tariff and land systems subsequently adopted, far from relieving, tended but to increase our difficulties. Thus stripped of resources, the history of our State legislation during the first half century of our political existence will exhibit little more to posterity than the annual imposition of taxes, amounting to less than a hundred thousand dollars, one half of which constituted the reward of the legislative bodies by which they were levied, while the remainder was applied to sustain the train of officers who superintended the machinery of government. The establishment of schools for the convenient instruction of youth, and the development and improvement of our internal resources by means beyond the reach of individual enterprise, will seem scarcely to have been regarded as proper objects of legislative concern.

Still less cheering and consolatory is the history of our Federal relations. Immediately upon our entrance into the Federal compact, we conveyed to the General Government our entire claim to territory west of this State, out of a portion of which was formed the State of Tennessee, as a common fund for the use and benefit of the United States of America. North Carolina inquires, to be applied to the payment of the national debt according to their respective and usual proportions in the

general charge and expenditure, and to no other purpose whatever. We have, in the shape of internal duties, contributed more than a million of dollars annually to the National Treasury.

In return for these immense concessions, we have enjoyed that protection which the American name extends to American citizens throughout the wide extent of this confederacy, and we may almost say that none other than this nominal protection has been afforded to us. During the late war, when our coast was blockaded by the greatest maritime power in the world, a special messenger was despatched by the General Assembly to the defenseless condition of our maritime frontiers. In reply, we were urged to prepare vigorously for the contest, and to rely exclusively upon our own resources, as it was not then convenient to aid us. The Legislature immediately resorted to loans, provided munitions of war indispensable to the protection of the coast, and put them in the charge of the militia of the State. The claim for the expense thus incurred, has been for years, and is at present, before the War Department, and has been uniformly resisted, upon the ground that the General Government having omitted to fortify the coast, could not properly be required to pay for munitions of war, suitable only for fortifications. Since the war, a Fort of the second class has been erected contiguous to Cape Fear, and another near Old Top-sail Inlet,—but these are the only evidences visible upon the face of the country, of the exertion towards us of the benevolent action of the Government, either for the purposes of improvement or defence.

If it were possible to procure precise data, by which to institute a comparison between the exactions and the disbursements of the Federal Government, from and on account of North Carolina, there can be no difficulty in pronouncing that a prominent cause of our evils would be rendered most apparent. If the comparison were extended so as to present a relative view of the receipts from and disbursements on account of some of the more favored States, the contrast would exhibit a claim to redress which could scarcely be overlooked or disregarded.

A more favorable opportunity than the present to urge attention to these claims, cannot arise—nor is the nation likely, at any future period, to be able to do us justice with such perfect convenience. That the revenue of the General Government exceeds its legitimate wants, and that the power and patronage incident to it are dangerous to the liberty of the country, are positions which will scarcely be controverted. In my last Annual Message, to which reference has already been made in connection with this topic, I suggested as the most appropriate and least objectionable mode of satisfying the demands of North Carolina, and reducing in some degree the patronage of the Government, a distribution of the proceeds of the public domain, upon the principles stipulated by our deed of cession. It is now submitted, as a subject proper for our consideration, and as requiring, for reasons too obvious to be stated, early and efficient action. This State, it will be recollect, was charged with one tenth of the entire expenses incurred in sustaining the war of the revolution—and is therefore entitled to the same proportion of all that portion of the public lands ceded to the General Government anterior to the acquisition of Louisiana.

A cession to the new States of such portions of the public domain as are situated within their limits, or a further reduction of the price at which it is at present disposed of, cannot be otherwise than deeply injurious to all the old States, and fraught with manifest injustice and the most ruinous consequences to us.

With a Treasury barely sufficient to meet the current expenses of the Government without resorting to loans, it would be idle to recommend the adoption of any measures connected with the general improvement of either the physical or intellectual resources of the country. My opinions on these subjects, have been repeatedly communicated to the General Assembly, and are too well known to all classes of the community, to justify repetition. To attempt to accomplish any thing with regard to either, without first having provided a competent fund for the purpose, would have no other effect than to disappoint the excited hopes of the public, and postpone further efforts to an indefinite period. A just proportion of the revenue accruing from the sales of public lands, would enable us to enter upon a system of measures which could not be otherwise than productive of the most auspicious results. Without it, judging from past experience, little expectation can be entertained that an adequate fund for this purpose will be provided by the government in time to meet the growing exigencies of the country.

I have, on various occasions, expressed the opinion that it was not to be expected, in the nature of things, that any system of Internal Improvements commensurate with our necessities and resources would at any time be effected by individual enterprise. The attention of capitalists will natural-

ly be directed to sections of country, which will best reward expenditure, rather than to those which most require improvement. Important local improvements may, nevertheless, be effected by incorporated companies; and if the Government neglects its appropriate duty of providing for the wants of the whole community, liberal encouragement should, at least, be extended to individuals who propose to combine their skill and capital in an attempt to improve any portion of the country. In the accompanying file of papers, will be found a printed pamphlet, containing the proceedings of a meeting of citizens held at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 10th of August last, on the subject of a "Rail Road from the banks of the Ohio river, to the tide waters of the Carolinas and Georgia." The enterprise proposed by that meeting, is of the most gigantic character, and contemplates a large expenditure of capital—but promises, if effected, immensely beneficial results to nearly half of the Union. It is at present exciting much interest in South Carolina and Georgia; and confidence in its practicability and utility, seems to be rapidly increasing. The effect that its accomplishment would have upon this State, depends in a great degree upon the course which may be pursued with respect to a general system of improvements. If the plan recommended by the Internal Improvement Convention, two years since, should be adopted, the Cincinnati project would prove a magnificent extension of our system. If we determine to do nothing ourselves, and permit South Carolina and Georgia to compete alone for the trade of the valley of the Mississippi, the enterprise, nevertheless, promises the most important advantages to the section of the State west of the Alleghany; and is, under all circumstances, entitled to the most favorable consideration. In connection with this subject, I submit a communication from the President of the Petersburg Rail Road Company,—exhibiting statements of the receipts and disbursements on that portion of the road within the limits of this State, and making important suggestions in relation to its further extension within our borders.

The spirit of fanaticism, which has recently been manifested in connection with one species of our population, in various sections of the Union, demands and will receive your serious consideration. It is no longer possible to conceal it, if we would; and it becomes us, in common with the people of every Southern State, to speak a language upon this subject which will not admit of misapprehension, and exhibit a spirit that shall at least command attention and respect. The extent of the operations and designs of these misguided people will be best understood by an examination of the accompanying file of papers, published under the patronage of the Society of Immediate Abolitionists at New York; which has been transmitted to me by a citizen of this State for your use. This subject first attracted the attention of the Legislature in 1830, when the evil was comparatively in its infancy; and the publication or circulation within this State of these incendiary newspapers and pamphlets, was made a felony, punishable by fine, whipping, and the pillory in the first instance; and death for the second offence. It is apparent to all who have any accurate knowledge of our condition, that the public safety imperiously requires the suppression of these wicked and mischievous publications, injurious alike to the best interest of the master and the slave. This, I apprehend, cannot be effected without the co-operation of the Legislatures of the States from which these missiles proceed. Such an intercession with our domestic concerns, upon the part of the citizens of a foreign State, either encouraged or permitted by the government, would at once justify a resort to the modes ordinarily adopted for the adjustment of national differences. If we should exercise greater forbearance in the present instance, it is not because the wrongs we suffer are less injurious or mortifying, when inflicted by the hands of brethren. The obvious design and tendency of these proceedings are to subvert the Constitution and laws of the country; and we have, therefore, an indubitable right to ask of our sister States the adoption of such measures as may be necessary and requisite to suppress them totally and promptly. Upon this question there is no diversity of interest, and can be no difference of opinion. The entire South will unite with you in the adoption of any measures which may seem best calculated to insure union of councils, and prompt and energetic action. Under the perfect conviction that there is no neutral ground which can be occupied either with safety or honor, and that to delay action is to increase danger, I cannot doubt or hesitate as to the course which it becomes us to pursue. It is therefore respectfully recommended, as worthy of your consideration, whether Resolutions should not be adopted, inviting the States united with us by the ties of common interest and danger, to co-operate with us in the adoption of such measures as may be necessary to insure our safety; and calling upon the Legislatures of all the States



# Charlotte:

Friday, November 27, 1835.

THE PEOPLE against THE CAUCUS.

FOR PRESIDENT:

Hugh L. White, of Tennessee.

## THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

We give below all the additional returns received since our last, on the Ratification and Rejection of the New Constitution—there are yet eighteen Counties to be heard on. We believe, however, we may look on the Amendments as Ratified; it will be seen that they go into the Counties to be heard from, with a majority of

12. Hurra for the New Constitution!

Counties.	Ratification.	Rejection.
Union	115	44
Mecklenburg	80	630
Mecklenburg	1322	23
Mecklenburg	1097	67
Mecklenburg	3	361
Mecklenburg	32	322
Mecklenburg	131	970
Mecklenburg	570	40
Mecklenburg	1034	33
Mecklenburg	56	482
Mecklenburg	971	237
Mecklenburg	12	502
Mecklenburg	239	441
Mecklenburg	9	431
Mecklenburg	1194	18
Mecklenburg	22	239
Mecklenburg	14	795
Mecklenburg	8	727
Mecklenburg	54	365
Mecklenburg	57	357
Mecklenburg	7	442
Mecklenburg	180	287
Mecklenburg	612	68
Mecklenburg	1557	2
Mecklenburg	263	43
Mecklenburg	148	463

Majority for Ratification 5902 in 47 Counties.

## GOVERNOR SWAIN'S MESSAGE.

This document will be found in our columns to-day. We need not put ourselves to the trouble of beckoning the reader's especial attention to its points. Like all papers of the sort emanating from some source, this Message, (which is the last shall have from our present worthy Chief Magistrate,) will command itself to the serious consideration of all, by the lucid, forcible, and independent manner, in which it discusses the various matters of importance to the State generally, which are within its scope. The views of Gov. S. in relation to the necessity of further Legislative action in relation to the Northern fanatics, it will be seen, coincide entirely with those expressed by us from time to time in the columns of this journal.

The Editor of the Raleigh Standard, in all his statements, presumes more upon "gullibility of the people," than any else with whom we exchange papers, insists the vote for Speaker of our House of Commons, was a "test of the strength of parties," and "a triumph for the democratic cause."

Notwithstanding it is the practice of the party to which the Standard belongs, to claim all political rights as "triumph for the democratic cause," we will not dispute their claim in this instance, because Mr. Haywood is a collar-man of undoubted pretensions to "entire" us. But how the Standard can say that his election was "a test of the strength of parties" in the House of Commons, when it knew that *thirteen* members were absent, though this fact is entirely kept out of sight by *reputable* "Standard," is perfectly incomprehensible to a candid mind in search of truth.

This result created among the *faithful* in these parts, much the same impression which it seems to have made upon the morbid mind of the Standard Editor; but, from the first, when we saw the number of absences, we pronounced it no test, and we feel sure that it will prove so. Our research to a friend at the time, was, that nothing but would detain a collar-man from the Legislature on the first day, and that of course the ab-sences must be Whigs. This may not be true in regard to the whole thirteen; but we have the authority of a Member of the Legislature for saying that "twelve members of the White party were absent"—that two voted for Mr. Haywood!—and we see that one member present did not vote for him! What, then, becomes of the Standard's assertion that the election was a test of the strength of parties? And what becomes, also, of its *show* about the *proof* which it pretends to see in the result, of its "estimate [of the political complexion of the present Legislature] published immediately after the full returns of the August election had been received;" and which it says "the big and Nullifying presses assailed at the time?" the Editor of the Standard proves to be a true estimator! No, surely not!

[From the Fayetteville Observer.]  
trust of a letter from a Member of the Legislature, dated Raleigh, Nov. 17.

Dear Sir: Agreeably to promise, I herewith send you the Governor's Message. Haywood has been elected Speaker, over Graham, by a majority of 14 votes. Two of the White-men, I understand, voted for Haywood. Thirteen Members of the White party were absent, and a vacancy on the side from Orange, not supplied. It is very doubtful which has the majority in the Commons. Many Van Buren men were in attendance on the election of Speaker; one of your Townsmen at

ended for the purpose, 2 hours, of sealing the ballot, and has in return on the Circuit house, I look upon that meeting not as an evidence of the strength of parties in the Commons; but there is no doubt but that they have a majority of 4 or 5 on joint ballot. I believe their design carrying all elections on party grounds, the judicial appointments to be made, not excepted.

## STATE OF PARTIES IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Having no means of judging, for ourselves, of the political complexion of our present Legislature, and knowing that most of our readers are desirous to be informed on the subject, we have concluded to give a place to the two following articles, for their benefit. It will be seen that we derive them from antagonist political sources; the reader can draw his own conclusion as to the truth or untruth of the one or the other. We are satisfied that no election has yet taken place, the vote on which can safely be taken as a test of the relative strength of parties in the Legislature; and we think it probable, nay certain, that no occasion will occur, by which that result can be arrived at beyond all cavil; unless, indeed, the Van Buren men should move a Legislature nomination of their idol for the Presidency. In that case, we could judge, and not without. Even if the Whigs should attempt a movement of the sort, we might still be unable to arrive at a correct classification of the members, as it is well known that the Whigs have divisions among themselves, and might not all be induced to pull the same way. But let the collared gentry begin to move, and, as well organised and as kind are its *feudal* subjects, that all who should refuse to obey the orders of the leaders, would be ours of course. But see the extract.

From the Raleigh Standard of the 20th inst.

"The Speaker's Election, in the House of Commons, having been contested on party grounds, we may be excused for claiming the result as a triumph for the democratic cause. William H. Haywood, Jr. Esq., the new Speaker, is favorably known as among the most prominent, uniform, and talented advocates of the Republican party in the State. Without derogating from the standing of his highly respectable and talented opponent, Wm. A. Graham, Esq., we are awarding no more than sheer justice to Mr. Haywood, in expressing a belief that no member of the House could have been selected to preside over its deliberations, whose meanness of manners and varied qualifications more peculiarly fitted him for an able and efficient discharge of the responsible duties of the station."

"It will doubtless be readily perceived by the political reader, that this *test* of the strength of parties fully sustains our estimate, published immediately after full returns of the August elections had been received. The Whig and Nullifying presses assailed our classification unceasingly, at the time; but, confident of its faithfulness, we expressed a willingness to abide the issue of any purely party question which might come before the Legislature; and we now have the most emphatic reply that could be made to the efforts of the opposition to discredit our statements, in the result of the ballot for Speaker:

Haywood, . . . . . 68  
Graham, . . . . . 54  
Blank, . . . . . 1  
"Adding this to our majority in the Senate, and the aggregate is swelled even beyond our calculation."

From the Raleigh Register, 24th inst.

Election of Speaker.—As we expected, the Editor of the "Standard" is in ecstasy at the election of Mr. Haywood as Speaker of the House of Commons, and asserts that the respective vote of the two competitors for the Chair in an accurate test of the relative strength of parties. We despair of convincing the "Standard," that this assertion is not true in point of fact, for there are none so blind as those who will not see. Had the Editor been disposed to have acted above board in this matter, he would not have studiously concealed the fact, that there were absent on the balloting thirteen members, nine of whom being Anti-Van Buren, would most probably have voted against Mr. Haywood and three for him, leaving one vacancy in Orange to be filled. Besides this, it is stated on competent authority, that four of the political opponents of Mr. Haywood went for him, from considerations satisfactory, no doubt, to themselves.

We agree with the "Standard" in one particular, viz: that Mr. Haywood makes a very prompt and efficient presiding officer, possessing a good deal of Parliamentary tact, and exhibiting none of the stiffness or embarrassment common to novices.

It is astonishing, in all the party manoeuvres which are daily taking place, how studiously the name of Mr. Van Buren is kept out of view, and General Jackson's eternally lagged in. This evidences a consciousness of weakness, which, we have no doubt, would be established beyond cavil, if our opponents would show their hands. The "Standard" claims a decided majority of Van Buren men in the Legislature, and the supporters of that gentleman appear to place reliance on the calculations made by their organ. Let them test the sincerity by attempting a nomination of their favorite. The vote on such a proposition would settle beyond dispute the mooted point—which party is the strongest? and leave no longer a "loop to hang a doubt upon."

Political Meetings.—Our exchange papers from almost every section of the country, (especially from the North, the East, and the West,) are literally flooded with accounts of meetings of the people in favor of one or other of the Presidential Candidates. They positively come upon us as thick, that we cannot even mention them in detail. The Whigs having various candidates in the field, of course the larger portion of these assemblages are on their account. In the North, particularly, the friends of Mr. Webster and Gen'l. Harrison seem determined to push to the utmost the claims of their favorites. How long will the Whigs continue to pursue this suicidal policy of fomenting discord in their own ranks? Are they still blind to the fact that in division is defeat, and that victory can only be achieved by unity and concert of action? Would that they might act more like *true* Whigs, by looking only to the dangers which threaten our Republican institutions, and agree to give up local preferences for men, to promote the general advancement of principles!

New Paper in Cheraw.—With pleasure we acknowledge the receipt of the first No. of a new journal recently established in our sister village, under the title of the "Cheraw Gazette" [M. MacLean, Editor and Proprietor.] It is printed on an imperial sheet, at 80 per annum in advance; and its matter, both original and selected,

together with its neat typographical appearance, give assurance that it will readily be entitled to a liberal support. That a sense of the commercial importance of Cheraw, should have heretofore allowed its press to languish and expire for want of sustenance, to us presents a fact which we cannot account for satisfied are we, that, if the merchants of the place see their true interests in a clear light, they will not again suffer the same result to occur: their number and their wealth make them fully competent to the task of supporting a newspaper in their town, even without any extraneous assistance; and we hope Mr. MacLean may find them better disposed towards him than they have shown themselves towards others, hitherto, who have undertaken, in their midst, the same arduous and thankless task which he has assumed. Our mercantile friends would do well to add their names to the list of the "Cheraw Gazette;" we feel glad to assure our country readers that we shall hereafter be enabled to lay before them the latest and most correct advices from the Cheraw Market; obtained from its columns. We subjoin an extract from the opening address of the Gazette:

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"During the sessions of Congress and the Legislatures of the two Carolinas, we shall furnish an abstract of the proceedings of those bodies. "The Cheraw Gazette shall never in our hands be a party paper, in the objectionable sense of that term. We do not mean by this to preclude ourselves from taking sides in any question of National or State Politics, which may divide our community into parties, if the public good shall seem to us to require it. But if at any time we feel called upon to do so, we will still always do justice to our opponents, and give our readers the truth fairly on both sides, so far as our limits will enable us."

Another Gold Region.—We copy the following interesting article from the "Leeds (England) Mercury." To such of our readers as have a personal acquaintance with Dr. Longstaff, this extract needs no word from us, to make it acceptable; and to others, it is only necessary to say that he is a gentleman of great scientific qualifications, and well able to speak on the subject of the mineral wealth of our State and country. His many personal friends in this section will be pleased to learn that he has recently returned to this country, from his scientific tour to Europe, and is daily looked for in the mining district.

"At a meeting of the Sheffield Literary and Philosophical Society, Dr. Longstaff, (who during the last twelve months, has been out as the agent of a company of British Mine adventurers, to investigate the gold veins of North Carolina,) stated that the gold region stretches from the shores of the Atlantic, in the direction of Carolina, right away through the country towards the Pacific Ocean; and that, judging from appearances, this immense tract promises to yield supplies such as have not been equalled by the most famous gold countries of antiquity. The precious metal is generally found in a matrix of quartz, and, in veins, often running in the direction of N. E. and S. W., there being generally one leading vein, and on each side a parallel satellite. In some cases, rich branches pass off at right angles—or in others, the ore is ramified in every way. It is sometimes enveloped in a rake of talcose slate, passing through the auriferous quartz; in other instances, disseminated in minute particles through oxide of iron; and, contrary to what might have been supposed, judging from the effect of other metals, the sulphure of iron or martial pyrites usually indicate a rich locality. The proportions of the precious metal to the quartz, or other matrix, are amazingly great, the minimum yield of the ore affording a large profit upon the capital invested; while some of the richer sorts (of which Dr. L. laid specimens on the table) gave almost incredible results."

Another Beech...larger, and more of a monster, than the first!—A gentleman in town, seeing our notice of the mammoth production of the county in the beech line, searched his garden, and successfully too, for something that would beat it. The present one is 30 inches in length "from top to toe," measures 19 inches in belt, and weighs 91 pounds! And, as the other was likened to a cat-fish, it requires no stretch of the imagination to see in this a most ravenous and sanguinary alligator!—as real a one, in truth, as we should like to be familiar with! Why daze Nature, in fashioning her vegetable wonders, should choose to imitate an animalized "monster," we cannot imagine, unless she does it to typify, to "old Rip," his unnatural half-sleeping and half-waking state of existence. We believe both Beets were grown by Van Buren men, which may account for their peculiar formation—all the productions of *that* genus being peculiar.

The article from Mr. "Long Tail Blue," is in type, but undoubtedly omitted till our next.

[For THE CHARLOTTE JOURNAL.]  
The Protracted Meeting of the Baptists in Charlotte closed on Wednesday night the 11th instant, after a continuation of six days, during the whole of which time service was held in the Church three times each day. Ten Ministers were in attendance from four different States. The Congregations were numerous and attentive; and although only one person was baptised, many others appeared to be deeply affected by the Word of the Lord, which was freely dispersed to them.

On the second day following the close of the above meeting in this town, a Protracted Meeting commenced at Flint Hill, which continued three days. None of the Ministers who attended the meeting here, were able to attend at Flint Hill, except the Rev. Mr. Kerr, from Richmond, whose labors in the Lord seemed to be blessed to the large and serious congregations which attended on his ministrations at that place. B.

From the Raleigh Register of 24th Inst.

Public Printer.—On Saturday last, Philo White was elected Printer to the State, for the ensuing year, by the following vote:

White, . . . . . 100

Leamy, . . . . . 50

Blank, . . . . . 1

There were seven members absent, four of whom were Whigs. The result establishes the fact, beyond doubt, that there is an Administration majority in the Legislature, but does not change our belief as to the relative strength of Van Buren and White, if the question could be tested on its merits.

Quarrel? What has become of the "Standard's" majority of "at least 22," of which it has hitherto uniformly boasted?

Resolutions on the subject of the Public Lands have been introduced by Mr. Chinnigan, of Orange county. They are a literal copy, we believe, of those adopted by the House of Commons, at its last session. We are glad that the subject has been brought thus early to the notice of the Legislature. We shall now see who will have the temerity, for the sake of promoting the schemes of Presidential Candidates, to vote against a proposal, the object of which is to secure for North-Carolina her just proportion of the proceeds of the sales of the Public Land—to which she is as much entitled as she is to the Revenue collected from her citizens.

Daniel M. Barringer, Esq., one of the members of the House of Commons from Cabarrus county, being detained by sickness, was most weekly papers do; and all Commercial Intelligence in which our patrons can be interested.

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